



ELECTRONIC DEVICES INCLUDING MOBILE PHONES

This policy relates to the ICT Acceptable Use Policy and Agreement and the Device Policy, and should be read in conjunction with both documents.

Electronic devices have become popular items in our modern technological society and with BYO devices now common in the classroom, it is expected that all students and staff follow and adhere to strict policies. At all times, the Principal has the authority to remove the privilege of any student bringing a device to school. Devices may include, but are not limited to, desktops, laptops, tablets, mobile phones, music players and handheld game devices. This includes school owned and BYOX devices.

Devices are prime targets for theft and hence, any student who chooses to bring these to school will do so at their own risk. Dakabin State High School will not be liable for any devices damaged, broken or stolen at school or on school-related activities. School personnel will not necessarily investigate the loss or theft of phones or the other items, but will make enquiries regarding such if time and resources allow.

We understand that parents may provide their child with devices for security and travel reasons outside of school time. During class time, devices are only used at the direction of a teacher and only for curriculum related use (this excludes phones which are not to be used in class time). All devices are for learning enhancement and are not a sole means for learning. Learning is the students' key priority at school. For emergencies or contact during the day, all calls and messages must come to the main office, and not through students' devices.

General guidelines

- Devices with photographic capacity are banned from use in showers, toilets and/or change rooms at all times.
- Photographs of students or staff within the school grounds or on school related activities are only to be taken with the full permission of the person concerned.
- Personal 3/4G capabilities should be disabled in all devices. The School will take no responsibility for the content accessed by students using the 3/4G facility on their personally owned devices.

Use during breaks

- Devices may be used at breaks for personal use.
- All forms of social media will not be accessed by any device during school time.
- In circumstances where a device becomes a behaviour issue or interferes with learning, the school may confiscate the device as outlined below.

Consequences

Failure to follow a teacher's direction, in either the correct use of a device or putting the device away, will see the following enacted in accordance with DET policy (Temporary Removal of Student Property by School Staff):

- 1st Offence – confiscated and stored at the office until the end of the day.
- 2nd Offence – confiscated and stored at the office until the end of the day.
- 3rd Offence – confiscated and stored at the office. Parent/carer to collect from office.
- Refusal to cooperate with confiscation – consequences will apply for failing to follow school processes as per our Responsible Behaviour Plan.

Students and parents should appreciate that our school policy is more lenient than other schools.

Parents needing to contact students during class times are required to call the school office.